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1. DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH USBERLIN AND EMBASSY THAT NEED OF
GENERAL POLITICAL PRESENTATION TO FRG ON IGS ISSUES FAR
LESS IMPORTANT TODAY THAN APPEARED TO BE CASE IN DECEMBER.
WE WOULD PREFER TO PROCEED WITHOUT SUCH AN APPROACH, BUT
ARE PREPARED, IF UK INSISTANT, TO ASSOCIATE OURSELVES WITH
GENERAL POLITICAL PRESENTATION BY UK IN BONN GROUP FOLLOW-
ING GENERAL FRAMEWORK OF TEXT REFTEL (A). WE WOULD INSIST,
HOWEVER, THAT SECTION DEALING WITH FAREINCREASE BE PRESENTED
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WITHOUT REFERENCE TO SPECIFIC FIGURES. IN THIS CONNECTION

EMBASSY SHOULD SEEK UK CONCURRENCE IN FOLLOWING CHANGE IN TEXT BEGINNING WITH US BRACKETS IN PARA 6 AND CONTINUING TO END OF THE PARAGRAPH: QUOTE: PRELIMINARY STUDIES OF COST AND REVENUE FIGURES WHICH WOULD RESULT FROM A ROUTE DIVISION MIGHT NOT ENTIRELY SOLVE THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF ONE OR POSSIBLY BOTH OF THE TWO MAJOR CARRIERS. IT MAY, THEREFORE, BE NECESSARY FOR THE ALLIED AUTHORITIES TO TABLE IN THE NEAR FUTURE IN THE BERLIN CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT ADVISORY GROUP PROPOSAL FOR A FURTHER FARE INCREASE SUPPORTED BY FINANCIAL

DATA WHICH WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT AS FAR AS POSSIBLE THE EFFECTS UPON AIRLINE COSTS OF THESE FURTHER RATIONALIZATION MEASURES. SHOULD SUCH A REQUEST BE REQUIRED WE WOULD HOPE THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THE FARE INCREASE TO BE DEALT WITH RAPIDLY IN THE BCATAG. END TEXT PARA 6.

2. BY AGREEING TO MOVE AHEAD IN THIS FASHION WE WOULD HOPE TO PAVE WAY FOR EARLY INSTITUTION OF ROUTE DIVISION PROPOSAL ABOUT WHICH THERE SEEMS TO BE NO SERIOUS DISAGREEMENT, WHILE ALLOWING CAAS TIME TO WORK OUT EXACT LEVEL OF FARE INCREASE REQUEST, AN EXERCISE WHICH WILL, IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, PROVE QUITE DIFFICULT AND TIME CONSUMING.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD SOUND OUT UK EMBASSY TO DETERMINE ITS WILLINGNESS TO MOVE AHEAD ON THIS BASIS. INGERSOLL

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